

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in connection with the personal conference held with the Examiner in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The Examiner's highly beneficial cooperation during the conference has been gratefully acknowledged.

With the present Amendment applicants amended some claims, as was discussed with the Examiner during the conference.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims currently on file clearly and patentably distinguish the present invention from the prior art applied against the original claims.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance; he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael J. Striker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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